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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <u>American News</u>		2. DATE OF FILING <u>9/26/03</u>	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <u>Daily</u>	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <u>365</u>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <u>\$156</u>	
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <u>124 S 2ND ST, PO Box 4430, SD 57402-4430</u>			
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) <u>Same</u>			
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <u>Aberdeen News Company</u>			
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given. FULL NAME: <u>Knight Ridder Inc</u> COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: <u>50 W. San Francisco St. Suite 1500 San Jose, CA 95113-2413</u>			
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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION		AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	
		Daily Sunday	
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)		17,631 19,924	
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION		ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE	
1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.		Daily Sunday	
12,900 15,194		17,790 19,740	
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)		13,395 15,357	
3,481 2,939		3,410 2,889	
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)		16,381 18,133	
16,381 18,133		16,805 18,246	
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION			
1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS		177 174	
177 174		118 127	
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES		42 42	
42 42		44 44	
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)		16,600 18,349	
16,600 18,349		16,967 18,417	
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED			
1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing		284 558	
284 558		245 442	
2. Return from News Agents		747 1,017	
747 1,017		578 881	
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 - Should equal net press run shown in A)		17,631 19,924	
17,631 19,924		17,790 19,740	
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER			
I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.			

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Southeastern Asset Management	7,420,700.0000
Harris Associates L.P.	6,573,900.0000
Private Capital Mgmt.	4,824,400.0000
AIM Trimark Investments	3,789,100.0000
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